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JACK ANDERSON: Billy Carter is not the only one who has links to the Libyans. A top aide to Republican candidate Ronald Reagan has also been dealing with the oil-rich Arabs. CIA chief Stansfield Turner sent a secret memo to the White House identifying the National Farmers Union as a broker of crude oil anointed by the Libyans.

But the spy agency apparently goofed. In fact, it's the right-wing American Farm Bureau Federation that should have been named by the CIA. The federation was formerly headed by Alan Grant. Currently, Grant is Ronald Reagan's chief foreign policy adviser. He's considered a member of the former California Governor's inner circle. Well, last year, while he was still President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Grant made two separate trips to Libya.

Now, the National Farmers Union, the group mistakenly identified by the CIA as serving as a Libyan oil broker, has demanded that the CIA set the record straight.

When my staff contacted the spy agency, CIA officials would only acknowledge that they had been contacted by the union. Agency spokesmen refused to comment on the mix-up.